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KOKOMO MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY INVOLVING EIGHT CHILDREN

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - David Metzger, 53, Kokomo, Indiana, was indicted late yesterday with producing and possessing child pornography, announced Timothy M. Morrison, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, following an investigation by the Kokomo Police Department, and Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The indictment alleges that Metzger produced child pornography in 2003, and again in 2008, involving eight minors identified only by their age. The minors were born between 1996 and 2001 making them between 8 and 13 years old. The indictment further alleges the minors' images were on digital camera tapes, printed out on paper, or electronically stored in a computer. It is also alleged Metzger possessed numerous images of child pornography on several pieces of media including separate hard drives, thumb drives, and DVD disks.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Metzger faces a maximum of 30 years in prison on each count of producing child pornography and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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